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# SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION AND TO YOUTH, AGEING, DISABLED PERSONS AND THE FAMILY

## Report of the Third Committee

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## I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 22 September 1995, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family" and to allocate it to the Third Committee.

2. The Committee considered the item at its 8th to 12th, 18th, 21st, 25th and 30th meetings, on 12, 13, 16 and 17 October, and on 2, 8, 10 and 16 November 1995. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.3/50/SR.8-12, 18, 21, 25 and 30).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1995 (A/50/3);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General containing the interim report on the world social situation (A/50/84-E/1995/12);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the conceptual framework of a programme for the preparation and observance of the International Year of Older Persons in 1999 (A/50/114);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization entitled "Progress made and problems encountered in the struggle against illiteracy: a mid-decade review" (A/50/181-E/1995/65);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on the observance of the International Year of the Family (A/50/370);

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (A/50/473);

(g) Note by the Secretary-General on monitoring the implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities (A/50/374);

(h) Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995 (A/CONF.166/9);

(i) Letter dated 28 March 1995 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the Declaration of Latin American Parliamentarians, adopted on the occasion of the World Summit for Social Development (A/50/156);

(j) Letter dated 25 April 1995 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the conclusions of the meeting of medical experts and health workers of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, held in Belgrade on 7 April 1995 (A/50/163);

(k) Letter dated 8 June 1995 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the Delhi Declaration, issued at the eighth meeting of the Heads of State or Government of the member countries of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, held at New Delhi from 2 to 4 May 1995 (A/50/215-S/1995/475);

(l) Letter dated 19 June 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final documents adopted by the seven major industrialized countries at the Summit held at Halifax from 15 to 17 June 1995 (A/50/254-S/1995/501);

(m) Letter dated 8 September 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the Final Declaration of the Ninth Meeting of Heads of State and Government of the Rio Group, held in Quito on 4 and 5 September 1995 (A/50/425-S/1995/787);

(n) Note verbale dated 19 September 1995 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the 1995 World Youth Leaders Conference, held at Seoul from 31 May to 2 June 1995 (A/50/454);

(o) Note by the Secretariat transmitting to the General Assembly the text of a draft resolution entitled "International Year of Older Persons: towards a society for all ages" (A/C.3/50/L.2).

4. At the 3rd meeting, on 9 October 1995, the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development addressed the Committee (see A/C.3/50/SR.3).

5. At the 8th meeting, on 12 October 1995, the Assistant Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development made an introductory statement (see A/C.3/50/SR.8).

6. At the 11th meeting, on 16 October 1995, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme addressed the Committee (see A/C.3/50/SR.11).

## II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

### A. Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.2

7. By its resolution 1995/21 of 24 July 1995, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "International Year of Older Persons: towards a society for all ages".

8. At its 21st meeting, on 8 November 1995, the Committee had before it the text of that resolution contained in document A/C.3/50/L.2.

9. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/50/L.2 (see para. 25, draft resolution I).

### B. Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.10

10. At the 18th meeting, on 2 November 1995, the representative of Austria, on behalf of Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cameroon, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Liechtenstein, Nigeria, Panama, Pakistan, 1/ Poland, Portugal, Romania, South Africa, Spain and Turkey, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the International Year of the Family" (A/C.3/50/L.10). Subsequently, Costa Rica, Guinea, Madagascar, the Philippines, the Republic of Moldova and Rwanda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

11. In introducing the draft resolution, the representative of Austria orally revised it as follows:

(a) In operative paragraph 2, the words "by 1996" were replaced by the words "before the end of 1995";

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1/ Subsequently, Pakistan withdrew its sponsorship of the draft resolution.

(b) In operative paragraph 5 (b), the word "comprehensive" was inserted before the word "document".

12. At the 21st meeting, on 8 November 1995, statements were made by the representatives of Guatemala, Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria, the Dominican Republic, Kuwait, the Philippines, Egypt, the Syrian Arab Republic, Oman, Pakistan, Morocco, Lebanon, Mauritania, Algeria and Indonesia (see A/C.3/50/SR.21).

13. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.10, as orally revised (see para. 25, draft resolution II).

14. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Peru, Malta, the Sudan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Saudi Arabia, Costa Rica, Bolivia, El Salvador, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Djibouti and Yemen (see A/C.3/50/SR.21).

15. The observer for the Holy See made a statement.

## C. Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.11

16. At the 18th meeting, on 2 November 1995, the representative of Mongolia, on behalf of Afghanistan, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Fiji, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, the Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Portugal, Senegal, Spain, the Sudan, Thailand, Turkey and Viet Nam introduced a draft resolution entitled "Progress made and problems encountered in the struggle against illiteracy: a mid-decade review - Cooperation to achieve education for all" (A/C.3/50/L.11). Subsequently, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Guyana, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Jamaica, Malta, the Niger, the Philippines and the Russian Federation joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

17. In introducing the draft resolution, the representative of Mongolia orally revised it as follows:

> In operative paragraph 8, the following words were added at the end of the paragraph: "taking into account the possible measures, if any, to improve the reporting procedure".

18. At the 25th meeting, on 10 November 1995, the representative of Mongolia further orally revised the draft resolution by replacing operative paragraph 6, which had read:

> "6. Calls upon the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue assuming the role of lead organization in ensuring an effective follow-up to International Literacy Year and the World Conference on Education for All,"

by the following text:

"6. Calls upon the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue assuming the role of lead organization in ensuring an effective follow-up to International Literacy Year and to pursue, in cooperation with other sponsors of the World Conference on Education for All, the implementation of the World Declaration on Education for All,"

19. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.11, as further orally revised (see para. 25, draft resolution III).

## D. Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.12 and Rev.1

20. At the 18th meeting, on 2 November 1995, the representative of the Philippines, on behalf of Denmark, Morocco, the Philippines and Zaire, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Towards full integration of persons with disabilities in society: implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and of the Long-term Strategy to Implement the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond" (A/C.3/50/L.12), which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 48/96 of 20 December 1993, by which it adopted the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities,

"Recalling also its resolution 37/52 of 3 December 1982, by which it adopted the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, 2/

"Recalling further all its relevant resolutions, including resolutions 37/53 of 3 December 1982, 46/96 of 16 December 1991, 47/88 of 16 December 1992, 48/95 and 48/99 of 20 December 1993 and 49/153 of 23 December 1994,

"Noting with interest the initiative by non-governmental organizations in Denmark taken to develop a disability index based on the United Nations Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities,

"Welcoming the report of the Special Rapporteur responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Standard Rules and his recommendation that in the coming two years the focus should be mainly on legislation, coordination of work, organizations of persons with disabilities, accessibility, education and employment,

"1. Urges all Governments and organizations to continue to strengthen their efforts to implement the Standard Rules on the Equalization of

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2/ A/37/351/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex, sect. VIII, recommendation 1 (IV).

Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities by legal, administrative and all other appropriate measures;

"2. Encourages Member States to make voluntary contributions to support the important work of the Special Rapporteur;

"3. Calls upon Governments to implement the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond by implementation of the Long-term Strategy;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure appropriate support for the effective functioning of the Long-term Strategy to Implement the World Programme of Action and distribute, inter alia, the Long-term Strategy to the Member States;

"5. Also requests the Secretary-General and the United Nations Development Programme, in close cooperation with the Statistical Division of the Secretariat, to finalize the development of global indicators for the fulfilment of equal opportunities for persons with disabilities and the respect of their human rights."

21. At its 30th meeting, on 16 November, the Committee had before it a revised draft resolution (A/C.3/50/L.12/Rev.1), submitted by Armenia, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, China, Costa Rica, Denmark, Guinea, Kenya, Malta, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Nigeria, Panama, Philippines, Turkey and Zaire, subsequently joined by Australia, Canada, Côte d'Ivoire, Finland, Iceland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden and Tunisia.

22. At the same meeting, the representative of the Philippines orally revised the revised draft resolution as follows:

(a) In operative paragraph 2, the word "all" before the words "other measures" was deleted;

(b) In operative paragraph 8, the words "the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development" were added after the words "Encourages the Secretary-General" and the words "to facilitate the collection and transmission of relevant data to be used" were inserted between the words "to continue their efforts" and "to finalize".

23. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.12/Rev.1, as orally revised (see para. 25, draft resolution IV).

## E. Draft decision

24. At the 30th meeting, on 16 November 1995, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted a draft decision by which the General Assembly would take note of the reports considered under the item (see para. 26).

## III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

25. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

### DRAFT RESOLUTION I

### International Year of Older Persons: towards a society for all ages

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/5 of 16 October 1992, by which it decided to observe the year 1999 as the International Year of Older Persons,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/22 of 27 July 1993, in which the Council invited Member States to strengthen their national mechanisms on ageing, inter alia, to enable them to serve as national focal points for the preparations for and observance of the Year,

Recalling further its resolution 45/106 of 14 December 1990, in which it recognized the complexity and rapidity of the ageing of the world's population and the need to have a common basis and frame of reference for the protection and promotion of the rights of older persons, including the contribution that older persons could and should make to society,

Bearing in mind its resolution 49/162 of 23 December 1994 on the integration of older women in development,

1. Takes note of the conceptual framework of a programme for the preparation and observance of the International Year of Older Persons in 1999, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General; 3/

2. Invites Member States to adapt the conceptual framework to national conditions and to consider formulating national programmes for the Year;

3. Also invites the United Nations organizations and bodies concerned to examine the conceptual framework and identify areas for expanding upon it in keeping with their mandates;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to monitor activities for the Year and to make appropriate coordinating arrangements, bearing in mind that the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development of the Secretariat has been designated the United Nations focal point on ageing;

5. Encourages the Secretary-General to allocate sufficient resources for promoting and coordinating activities for the Year, bearing in mind its

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3/ A/50/114.

resolution 47/5, in which it was decided that observance of the Year would be supported by the regular programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999;

6. Invites Member States, United Nations organizations and bodies and non-governmental organizations to assist the global coordinating entity for the Year;

7. Invites the regional commissions, within the existing mandates, to bear in mind the goals of the Year in convening regional meetings in 1998 and 1999 at which to mark the Year and formulate action plans on ageing for the twenty-first century;

8. Encourages relevant United Nations funds and programmes and the specialized agencies to support local, national and international programmes and projects for the Year;

9. Encourages the United Nations Development Programme to continue to ensure that the concerns of older persons are integrated into its development programmes;

10. Invites the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development and other relevant research institutes to consider preparing studies on the four facets of the conceptual framework, namely, the situation of older persons, lifelong individual development, multigenerational relationships and the relationship between the ageing of populations and development, and requests the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women to continue its research on the situation of older women, including those in the informal sector;

11. Encourages the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat to launch, within existing resources, an information campaign for the Year;

12. Invites the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to continue its work on ageing and the situation of older persons, as described in its reports; 4/

13. Invites non-governmental organizations to develop programmes and projects for the Year, particularly at the local level, in cooperation, inter alia, with local authorities, community leaders, enterprises, the media and schools;

14. Decides that henceforth the term "older persons" should be substituted for the term "the elderly", in conformity with the United Nations Principles for Older Persons, 5/ with the result that the Year and the Day concerned shall be

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4/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1994, Supplement No. 3 (E/1994/23); ibid., 1995, Supplement No. 2 (E/1995/22 and Corr.1).

5/ Resolution 46/91, annex.

called the International Year of Older Persons and the International Day of Older Persons, respectively;

15. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session on the preparations being made by Member States, United Nations organizations and bodies and non-governmental organizations for the observance of the Year.

## DRAFT RESOLUTION II

### Follow-up to the International Year of the Family

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 44/82 of 8 December 1989, 45/133 of 14 December 1990, 46/92 of 16 December 1991 and 47/237 of 20 September 1993, concerning the proclamation, preparations for and observance of the International Year of the Family,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the observance of the International Year of the Family, 6/

Bearing in mind the results of the International Conference on Population and Development, 7/ the World Summit for Social Development 8/ and the Fourth World Conference on Women, 9/ which note that the family is the basic unit of society and as such should be strengthened, that it is entitled to receive comprehensive protection and support, that in different cultural, political and social systems various forms of family exist and that the rights, capabilities and responsibilities of family members must be respected,

Noting the accomplishments resulting from the observance of the International Year of the Family, inter alia, the new initiatives and long-term activities in support of the family all over the world, in particular at the local and national levels, and the value of international cooperation on family issues,

1. Invites Governments to continue their action to build family-friendly societies, inter alia, by promoting the rights of individual family members, in particular gender equality and child protection and development;

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6/ A/50/370.

7/ See Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994 (United Nations publication, Sales No. 95.XIII.8).

8/ A/CONF.166/9.

9/ A/CONF.177/20.

2. Urges Governments to ratify and accede to and to ensure implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women 10/ so that universal ratification can be achieved by the year 2000 and to take urgent measures to achieve universal ratification of or accession to the Convention on the Rights of the Child 11/ before the end of 1995, and urges those who have not yet done so to become party to the Convention in order to achieve universal implementation by the year 2000;

3. Welcomes the proposals, contained in the report of the Secretary-General, 6/ on the follow-up to the International Year of the Family;

4. Invites the Commission for Social Development to consider how best to integrate the follow-up to the International Year of the Family into its work programme as laid out in Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/60 of 28 July 1995, taking into account the integrated follow-up of major United Nations conferences, to form part of a holistic approach to development and social progress;

5. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To submit proposals to the Commission for Social Development assisting its work;

(b) To prepare a comprehensive document containing the family-related provisions from the outcome of the World Summit for Children, 12/ the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, 13/ the World Conference on Human Rights, 14/ the International Conference on Population and Development, 7/ the World Summit for Social Development, 8/ the Fourth World Conference on Women, 9/ and the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), to be submitted to the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-fifth session;

(c) To report to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session, through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made on the follow-up to the International Year of the Family, taking into account the promotion of integrated reporting;

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10/ Resolution 34/180, annex.

11/ Resolution 44/25, annex.

12/ A/45/625, annex.

13/ See Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992 (A/CONF.151/26/Rev.1 (Vol. I and Vol. I/Corr.1, Vol. II, Vol. III and Vol. III/Corr.1)) (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda).

14/ A/CONF.157/24.

(d) To continue the operation of the Voluntary Fund for the International Year of the Family, to be renamed the United Nations Trust Fund on Family Activities, to provide financial assistance for activities specific to the family and projects of direct benefit to it, with special focus on least developed and developing countries, giving particular attention to non-traditional resources;

6. Calls upon Governments, as well as organizations, individuals and the private sector, to contribute generously to the United Nations Trust Fund on Family Activities.

## DRAFT RESOLUTION III

### Progress made and problems encountered in the struggle against illiteracy: a mid-decade review

### Cooperation to achieve education for all

The General Assembly,

Recalling that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 15/ and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights 16/ recognized as inalienable the right of every individual to education,

Recalling also its resolutions 42/104 of 7 December 1987, by which it proclaimed 1990 as International Literacy Year, and 44/127 of 15 December 1989 and 46/93 of 16 December 1991, in which it called for continuing international efforts to promote literacy,

Recalling further its resolution 45/126 of 14 December 1990, in which it called for strengthening efforts towards the elimination of illiteracy of women of all ages,

Mindful of the fact that the eradication of illiteracy is one of the paramount objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, 17/

Convinced that literacy, especially functional literacy, and adequate education, represents an indispensable element for the development and harnessing of science, technology and human resources for economic and social progress,

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15/ Resolution 217 A (III).

16/ Resolution 2200 A (XXI).

17/ Resolution 45/199, annex.

Confident that the International Literacy Year and the World Conference on Education for All, held at Jomtien, Thailand, in 1990, 18/ resulted in increased awareness and support for literacy efforts and became a turning-point in the struggle for a literate world,

Underlining the importance of maintaining the momentum generated by the Year and the spirit of partnership forged at the Jomtien Conference,

Welcoming the setting up of the International Consultative Forum on Education for All entrusted with the task of monitoring the progress towards education for all and promoting consultation and cooperation at the global level,

Recognizing that despite the significant advances registered in the growth of literacy rates in many parts of the world major problems still persist which require greater mobilization of efforts at both national and international levels to achieve the goal of education for all,

Stressing the importance of the effective implementation of the World Declaration on Education for All, 19/ and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Plan of Action for the Eradication of Illiteracy by the Year 2000 20/ as well as the relevant commitments and recommendations to promote literacy contained, inter alia, in the Plan of Action for Implementing the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children in the 1990s, 21/ the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, 22/ the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action on Social Development, 23/ the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action on the advancement of women 24/ and the

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18/ See Final Report of the World Conference on Education for All: Meeting Basic Learning Needs, Jomtien, Thailand, 5-9 March 1990, Inter-Agency Commission (UNDP, UNESCO, UNICEF, World Bank) for the World Conference on Education for All, New York, 1990.

19/ Ibid., appendix 1.

20/ See United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Records of the General Conference, Twenty-fifth Session, vol. I, Resolutions, p. 71.

21/ See A/45/625.

22/ Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994 (United Nations publication, Sales No. 95.XIII.8), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

23/ A/CONF.166/9, chap. I, resolution 1, annexes.

24/ A/CONF.177/20, chap. I, resolution 1, annexes.

Delhi Declaration of the Education for All Summit of the Nine High-Population Countries, 25/

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Progress made and problems encountered in the struggle against illiteracy: a mid-decade review"; 26/

2. Notes with appreciation the close collaboration and commendable work being pursued as a follow-up to the International Literacy Year and the World Conference on Education for All by the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, including the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Development Programme;

3. Commends those Governments which have launched national literacy programmes and attained notable progress in meeting the objectives of the International Literacy Year and those set forth in the World Declaration on Education for All;

4. Invites Member States, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to further intensify their efforts to effectively implement the World Declaration on Education for All, 19/ the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Plan of Action for the Eradication of Illiteracy by the Year 2000, 20/ as well as the relevant commitments and recommendations to promote literacy contained, inter alia, in the Plan of Action for Implementing the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children in the 1990s, 21/ the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, 22/ the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action on Social Development, 23/ the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action on the advancement of women, 24/ and the Delhi Declaration of the Education for All Summit of the Nine High-Population Countries, 25/ with a view to better coordinating their activities and increasing their contribution to development;

5. Appeals anew to Governments and economic and financial organizations and institutions, both national and international, to lend greater financial and material support to the efforts to increase literacy and achieve education for all;

6. Calls upon the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue assuming the role of lead organization in ensuring an effective follow-up to the International Literacy Year and to pursue, in cooperation with other sponsors of the World Conference on Education for All, the implementation of the World Declaration on Education for All;

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25/ A/CONF.166/PC.20/Add.13, annex II.

26/ A/50/181-E/1995/65.

7. Notes with satisfaction the firm commitment and active involvement of many non-governmental organizations, the mass media and the private sector in support of and follow-up to the International Literacy Year;

8. Requests the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session, in 1997, through the Economic and Social Council, a progress report on the implementation process of the education for all objectives, including the recommendations of the International Consultative Forum on Education for All, taking into account the possible measures, if any, to improve the reporting procedure;

9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session the question of cooperation towards education for all under the item on social development.

## DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

### Towards full integration of persons with disabilities in society: implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and of the Long-term Strategy to Implement the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/96 of 20 December 1993, by which it adopted the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities,

Recalling also its resolution 37/52 of 3 December 1982, by which it adopted the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, 27/

Recalling further all its relevant resolutions, including resolutions 37/53 of 3 December 1982, 46/96 of 16 December 1991, 47/88 of 16 December 1992, 48/95 and 48/99 of 20 December 1993 and 49/153 of 23 December 1994,

Noting resolution 34/2 of 20 April 1995 of the Commission for Social Development, 28/ wherein it is stated, inter alia, that the Rules are to be monitored within the framework of the sessions of the Commission, and that the purpose of such monitoring is to further their effective implementation,

Noting with interest the initiative taken by non-governmental organizations to develop a disability index based on the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities, as well as other activities related

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27/ A/37/351/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex, sect. VIII, recommendation 1 (IV).

28/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1995, Supplement No. 4 (E/1995/24), chap. I, sect. E.

to the Standard Rules, and activities in support of the World Programme of Action,

Welcoming the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission for Social Development on monitoring the implementation of the Standard Rules and his recommendation that in the coming two years the focus should be mainly on legislation, coordination of work, organizations of persons with disabilities, accessibility, education and employment, 29/

Welcoming the unreserved reaffirmation in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993, 30/ of all the human rights and fundamental freedoms of persons with disabilities, and the recognition in the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development 31/ and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development, 32/ of a pressing need, among others, for the realization of the goals of full participation in society and the equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities, as well as the recognition by the Fourth World Conference on Women, held at Beijing from 4 to 15 September 1995, 33/ of the special needs of women with disabilities,

1. Recalls the recognition by the World Summit for Social Development of the need to promote the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities;

2. Urges all Governments and organizations to continue to strengthen their efforts to implement the Standard Rules by appropriate legal, administrative and other measures, taking into account the integrated social development strategy set out in the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development; 32/

3. Encourages Governments of Member States to respond to the questionnaire sent by the Special Rapporteur of the Commission for Social Development;

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29/ See A/50/374, annex.

30/ Report of the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 14-25 June 1993 (A/CONF.157/24 (Part I)), chap. III.

31/ Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.8), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

32/ See Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995 (A/CONF.166/9), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

33/ See Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995 (A/CONF.177/20).

4. Encourages Member States to make voluntary contributions to the Disability Fund to support initiatives on disability, including the important work of the Special Rapporteur;

5. Calls upon Governments, when implementing the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, 27/ to take into account the elements suggested in the Long-term Strategy to Implement the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond; 34/

6. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure appropriate support for the effective functioning of the Long-term Strategy;

7. Encourages the use of communications networks for the dissemination to civil society of the Standard Rules, the World Programme of Action and the Long-term Strategy;

8. Encourages the Secretary-General, the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development and the United Nations organizations concerned, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, to continue their efforts to facilitate the collection and transmission of relevant data to be used to finalize, in consultation with Member States, the development of global disability indicators, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on this question to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session.

26. The Third Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Reports considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

The General Assembly takes note of the following reports:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General containing the interim report on the world social situation; 35/

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons. 36/

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34/ A/49/435, annex.

35/ A/50/84-E/1995/12.

36/ A/50/473.